



January 30, 2007

H. Res. 59 - Supporting the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week, and for other purposes

Floor Situation

H.Res. 59 is being considered on the floor under suspension of the rules and will require a two-thirds majority vote for passage. This legislation was introduced by Representative Daniel Lipinski (D-IL) on January 12, 2007, and was ordered to be reported from the Committee on Science and Technology on January 24, 2007.

H. Res. 59 is expected to be considered on January 30, 2007.

Summary

H.Res. 59 resolves that the House of Representatives:

- 1) Supports the goals and ideals of National Engineers Week, including increasing the understanding of and interest in engineering and technology careers and promoting literacy in math and science
- 2) Will work with the engineering community to make sure that the creativity and contribution of that community can be expressed through research, development, standardization, and innovation.

Background

The 2006 National Academy of Sciences report entitled 'Rising Above the Gathering Storm' highlighted the worrisome trend that fewer students are now focusing on engineering in college at a time when increasing numbers of today's 2,000,000 United States engineers are nearing retirement. The National Society of Professional Engineers through National Engineers Week and other activities is raising public awareness of engineers' significant, positive contributions to societal needs.

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